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| Filed: June 9, 2005 |) | |
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| For: POLYHYDROXYALKANOATE |) | |
| HAVING VINYL GROUP, ESTER | : | |
| GROUP, CARBOXYL GROUP |) | |
| AND SULFONIC ACID GROUP, | : | |
| AND PRODUCTION METHOD |) | |
| THEREOF | : | May 17, 2007 |

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

A. Introductory Comments

Prior to conducting the examination on the merits, please amend the above-captioned application as follows.